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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS LINE RE FEA

REFS: (A) BERLIN 1156

(B) BONN 11004

1. BONN GROUP MET JULY 12 TO CONSIDER PRESS LINE FOR  
CONTINGENCY OF GDR ACTION (SEE REFTEL B) PURPORTING TO  
DENY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEA USE OF LAND TRANSIT  
ROUTES. AS EXPECTED, BUNDESRAT ON MORNING OF JULY 12  
PASSED FEA BILL UNANIMOUSLY AND WITHOUT DEBATE, AND  
FRG INFORMED OTHER REPS THAT FEDERAL  
PRESIDENT WOULD  
SIGN BILL DURING WEEK OF JULY 15. AGREED "IF ASKED"  
PRESS LINE IS AS FOLLOWS (TO BE DRAWN UPON BY SPOKESMAN).-

BEGIN TEXT

THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY PROVIDES THAT,  
EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES INVOLVING MISUSE OF THE  
TRANSIT ROUTES THEMSELVES, TRAVELLERS MAY NOT BE  
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EXCLUDED

FROM THE TRANSIT ROUTES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.  
(SEE ANNEX I TO THE QA, PARA 2(D), 3RD SENTENCE.)  
EXCLUSION FROM THE TRANSIT ROUTES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FEA BECAUSE THEY ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE FEA COULD NOT THEREFORE BE OTHER THAN A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT TRANSIT TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FRG REMAINS UNIMPEDED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

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IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE COUNTERMEASURES SHOULD BE TURNED ASIDE BY NOTING THAT SITUATION BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THREE ALLIES AND FRG.

2. COMMENT: NEUES DEUTSCHLAND BONN CORRESPONDENT GAVE SAME IMPRESSION TO EMBASSY OFFICER AT PRESS DINNER IN BONN ON JULY 11 AS SOV EMB COUNSELOR KOPTELSEV HAD GIVEN TO FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL ON JULY 5 (SEE REFTEL B). CORRESPONDENT SAID THAT IT WAS NOT TO BE UNEXPECTED THAT SUCH PROBLEMS WOULD CONTINUE TO ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THAT THEY COULD BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED GIVEN THE GOODWILL AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL SIDES.

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